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CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF REMUNERATION TO AGENTS.

From: MOSCOW
To: CANBERRA[1]
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In connection with the cut [EKONOMIYa] in currency expenditure being made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MININDEL], note the following:

1. Review the arrangement previously established in respect of some of your agents of paying them a monthly remuneration. In all cases, if there are no particularly important reasons for preserving this arrangement - substitute for it a system of ad hoc remuneration, depending upon the value of the work done by the agent. The maintenance of a highly valuable agent network [AGENTURA] and the special allocations [ASSIGNOWKI] for work on [2 groups unrecovered] (recruitment

[70 groups unrecoverable])

send a report on what you have managed to do towards the reduction of currency expenditure.

To systematise accounting for the expenditure of currency:

1. At the end of each quarter (not later than the 5th of the following month) advise by telegram the balance

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Distribution

and the amount of currency paid out on each sector to allocation [ASSIGNMENT].

2. Not later than 15 days before the beginning of each quarter present an estimate of actual currency requirements for the next quarter. [ii]

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7th February

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Comments: [i] Known to have been sent also to KIEV, BUCHA
STRESS, COPENHAGEN, VAGUE, MATAU, RIO DE JANEIRO,
ROME, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO, SINGAPORE,
WASHINGTON, and three unidentified substations
on national links.

[ii] Compare messages from NEW YORK to MOSCOW dated
15th December 1946 [8/18/1947] and from MOSCOW
to MONTEVIDEO dated 3rd April 1947 and 10th
July 1947 [8/18/1947, Items 1 and 2], which
are probably in the first case an estimate of
the type referred to above, and in the other
two cases MOSCOW's comments on estimates.
Note that all three estimates will presumably
be of the type which showed regular monthly
recurrence.